## Revised United States Standard Certificate of Death

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Statement of occupation.—Precise statement of occupation is very important, so that the relative healthfulness of various pursuits can be known. The question applies to each and every person, irrespective of age. For many occupations a single word or term on the first line will be sufficient, e. g., Farmer or Blanter, Physician, Compositor, Agchitect, Locomotive engineer, Civil engineer, Stationary fireman, etc. But in many cises especially in industrial employments, it is necessary to know (a) the kind of work and also (b) the nature of the business or industry, and therefore an additional line is provided for the latter statement; it should be used only when needed. As examples: (a) Spinner, (b) Cotton mill; (a) Salesman, (b) Grocery; (a) Foreman, (b) Automobile factory. The material worked on may form part of the second states ment. Never return "Laborer," "Foreman," "Manager," "Dealer," etc., without more precise specification, as Day laborer, Farm laborer, Laborer-Coal miffe, etc. Women at home, who are engaged in the duties of the household only (not paid Housekeepers who receive at definite salary), may be entered as Housewife, Housework for At home, and children, not gainfully employed, as At school or At home. Care should be taken to report specifically the occupations of persons engaged in domestic service for wages, as Servant, Cook, Housemaid, etc. If the occupation has been changed or given up on account of the DISEASE CAUSING DEATH, state occupation at beginning of illness. If retired from business; that fact may be indicated thus: Farmer (retired, 6 yrs.). For persons who have no occupation whatever, write None.

Whooping cough; Chronic valvular heart disease; Chronic interstitial nephritis, etc. The contributory (secondary or intercurrent) affection need not be stated unless important. Example: Measles (disease causing death), 29 ds.; Bronchopneumonia (secondary), 10 ds. Never reportamere symptoms or terminal conditions, such as "Asthenia," "Anaemia" (merely symptomatic),"Atrophy," "Collapse," "Coma," "Convulsions," "Debility" ("Congenital, "Senile," etc.), "Drops," "Exhaustion," "Heart failure "." "Haemorrhage," "Inamifion," "Marasmus," "Old age," "Shock," "Uraemia," "Veakness, etc., when a definite disease can be ascertained as the cause. Always qualify, all diseases resulting from childbirth or miscarriage, as "Puerperal septic aemia," "Puerperal peritonitis," etc. State cause for which surgical operation was undertaken. For VIOLENT DEATHS state MEANS OF INJURY and qualify as ACCIDENTAL, SUICTOAL, OF HOMI-CIDAL, or as probably such, if impossible to determine definitely. Examples: Accidental drowning; Struck by railway train-accident; Revolver wound of head-homicide; Poisoned by carbolic acid-probably suicide. The nature of the injury, as fracture of skull, and consequences (e. g., sepsis, telanus) may be stated under the head of "Contributory." (Recommendations on statement of cause of death approved by Committee on Nomenclature of the American Medical Association.)

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